

:: CEDAR FINISHING OPTIONS :: and TREATMENTS



NATURAL WEATHERING:

Because of the inherent nature of Cedar wood to withstand insect attack and the outdoor elements, Cedar does not require a finish to keep its structure over the years. Many folks prefer to allow their cedar furniture to "naturally age" outdoors without a stain or finish.

Over time the colorful tones of the wood slowly weather to a handsome silver-grey and the grain of the wood will become slightly raised. All hardware used at GMSF is **stainless steel** and is guaranteed for life. Additionally, it will not react with the cedar resin to form dark streaks like zinc plated hardware will. If you prefer to keep your furniture looking new, check out the finishing options listed below.

STAINING:

If you would like to preserve and protect the freshly sanded cedar, any number of finishes can be used on cedar furniture. The types we have tried and recommend are good quality penetrating sealers and transparent or solid exterior stains. There is a wide variety of colors to choose from which makes it easy to match your existing décor and several wood sealers now contain Ultra Violet inhibitors that can be used to further preserve the fresh tones of the wood. We recommend 2 coats of a **semi transparent stain with a UV inhibitor** such as 'Penofin Penetrating Oil Finish' (cedar color) or 'Sikkens Cetol 1' (natural color) to preserve the handsome look of your furniture. Every 2nd or 3rd year you might re-apply a coat of stain to freshen the finish. Little or no sanding, preparation or primer is needed when you use a stain.

WOOD SEALER:

A good wood sealer such as **Thompson's Wood Sealer** is useful by blocking the pores of the wood. This prevents the grain from becoming raised and the UV inhibitors reduce the natural fading of the wood to grey. Sealer should be re-applied every year or two.

POLYURETHANE:

If you are looking for a gloss or semi-gloss finished furniture look, we recommend applying several coats of a urethane finish. This is the nicest option for furniture that will be used indoors as well as for kid's furniture. Choose a product that will best suit your application. *(We use a high gloss indoor/outdoor UV-inhibiting Spar urethane. This finish results in a clear top coat that preserves the fresh tones of the wood, allows for outdoor durability as well as easy cleaning.)*

PAINT:

Paint will work fine on cedar; but as on any exterior surface, over time will begin to flake and will eventually need scraping and refinishing. Stain however, is "breathable" and will not trap moisture therefore - no blistering, no peeling. We don't like to paint our furniture, but you can...

WOOD OIL:

We do not recommend using wood oil finishes on your outdoor furniture as dust particles in the air will stick to the finish.

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